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August 25, 2010

Commissioner Anthony Eggert Commissioner Jeffrey Byron California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street Sacramento, Ca 95814-5514

Re: Green Building Ordinance and the Building Energy Efficiency Standards

Per the request of Commission Staff, we would like to express to you our firm commitment to have the City of West Sacramento enforce the current Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards as part of the implementation of our local green building code. This code will require buildings to be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by California Title 24 part 6. As the Building Official, I will continue to work with my staff involved in energy plan review and field inspection to improve their working knowledge of the energy standards. This includes special training as needed which focuses on enforcement of the energy standards and the special requirements of the Ordinance.

The City of West Sacramento Green Building Code Ordinance will be introduced, and a public hearing held at the August 18, 2010 City Council meeting. A public hearing was held and and a resolution for the City Council was approved by the Planning Commission at the July 15, 2010 meeting. The benefit of increase in energy efficiency and lower energy usage was reviewed. These factors are contained in the Green Building Code Sections 4.201.1 and A4.203.1 as a part of ordinance goals. The Planning Commission and public hearing participants recognized the energy saving and cost effectiveness of the ordinance.

Working with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), an energy costeffectiveness study was completed on April 12, 2010. This study is submitted with this letter to the Energy Commission. The costeffectiveness in relation to the 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards was discussed during the review of the City of West Sacramento Green Building Code.

No provision of Sections 4.201.1 and A4.203.1 of the City of West Sacramento Ordinance 10-13 shall alleviate any requirement to meet the State of California's Title 24 Energy Code requirements. Specifically, no

building permit shall be issued to any project subject to the Ordinance 10-13 unless the application can demonstrate continued compliance with the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24, Part 6) of the California Building Code.

I trust that this letter satisfies any concerns and approval of the City of West Sacramento Green Building Code will be scheduled for the August 25, 2010 California Energy Commission business meeting. Thank you.

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